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Season's Greetings to all PCT Newsletter readers



EURASIAN PATENT CONVENTION

Republic of Moldova

The Republic of Moldova deposited its instrument of ratification of the Eurasian Patent Convention on 16 November 1995 and will become bound by that Convention on 1 6 February 1996 (for further details on the possibility of designating the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent in a PCT application, as of 16 February 1996, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/1995, cover page).

EXTENSION OF EUROPEAN PATENTS TO ALBANIA

An agreement between the **European Patent Organisation** and Albania on the extension of the effects of European patent applications and patents to Albania entered into force on 3 November 1995. Under that agreement, it is possible to obtain patent protection in Albania by requesting the extension of a European patent to that State. The extension procedure is also available, if the necessary requirements are met, via the PCT. The agreement with Albania is similar to those which entered into force on 1 March 1994 in respect of Slovenia, on 5 July 1994 in respect of Lithuania and on

1 May 1995 in respect of Latvia (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 01/1994, 04/1994, 05/1994 and 05/1995).

Note that Albania (country code: AL) is not party to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and cannot itself be designated for a European patent (EP). If protec-

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tion is desired in Albania via the PCT, Albania must be designated for the purposes of a national patent, even where the applicant intends later to request protection through the extension of a European patent.

The extension of a European patent to Albania via the PCT route is available in respect of international applications filed on or after 3 November 1995. A request for the extension of a European patent to Albania may be made if: (i) both the designations EP (regional patent) and AL (national patent) are made - either as express designations under PCT Rule 4.9(a) or as precautionary designations confirmed under PCT Rule 4.9(c) - and (ii) the PCT designation fees due for these designations are paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Rule 15.4(b) or 15.5. No special indication concerning the extension should be made in the PCT request form. The applicant must then, within 21 months (Chapter I) or 31 months (Chapter II) from the priority date, enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) - a request for extension of the European patent is automatically deemed to have been made and pay to the EPO the extension fee for the extension of the European patent to Albania. The extension fee may also be validly paid. with a surcharge of 50%, within a grace period of two months if the time limit of 21 or 31 months has been missed. The request for extension will be considered withdrawn if, upon entry into the regional phase before the EPO, the extension fee is not paid within the applicable time limit.

Upon completion of the European procedure, the EPO will transmit the European patent, if granted, to the Albanian Patent Office. That patent will have the effect of a national patent granted by the Albanian Patent Office, provided that, within three months from the publication by the EPO of the mention of grant of the European patent, a translation of the claims into Albanian is filed with, and the prescribed publication fee is paid to, the Albanian Patent Office. Renewal fees for the extended European patent will have to be paid to the Albanian Patent Office for the years following the year in which the mention of the grant of the European patent was published by the EPO.

The option of entering the national phase directly before the Albanian Patent Office within 21 or 31 months from the priority date, instead of proceeding with a request for the extension of a European patent to Albania, is also available for any international application containing the designation of Albania.

PCT NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1996

The 1996 annual subscription price of the *PCT Newsletter*, in Swiss francs, will be maintained at the same level as when the *PCT Newsletter* was first published in March 1994 (that is, 60 Swiss francs or, by airmail, 80 Swiss francs). However, due to fluctuations in the exchange rate, the equivalent amount of the subscription price in US dollars has increased from 40 to 50 US dollars (or by airmail, from 54 to 65 US dollars). The price of the *PCT Newsletter* binder (11 Swiss francs or 8 US dollars) has not changed.

Included in this issue is a PCT Newsletter subscription form for 1996. If you are already a subscriber, it is not necessary to return the form since, unless notification to the contrary is received from you by WIPO, subscription renewal is automatic; subscribers will shortly receive, if they have not already done so, an invoice for 1996 subscriptions. You may, however, wish to use the subscription form in this issue to subscribe to additional copies of the PCT Newsletter. You are reminded that, for subscriptions to more than one copy, you are entitled to a discount of 25% off the price of each copy subscribed to (including the first). You may also use the subscription form to order binders for the PCT Newsletter.

NON-WORKING DAYS AT THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

For the purpose of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau is not open for business are, for the forthcoming holiday season, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

25 December 1995

26 December 1995

1 January 1996

2 January 1996

1996 PRICES FOR PCT PUBLICATIONS

Included in this issue are the 1996 price lists for PCT publications, applicable from 1 January 1996, in Swiss francs and, for residents of the United States of America only, in US dollars. The price lists give details of how to order PCT publications.

THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT) 1970-1995

A new book entitled "The First Twenty-five Years of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) 1970-1995" has been published by WIPO to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the signature of the PCT, in 1970.

The book begins with an article by the Director General of WIPO, Dr. Arpad Bogsch, which traces the history of the PCT, including its origins and adoption (1966-1970), the preparations for its becoming operational (1970-1978), and the first 17 years of its operation (1978-1995). Other articles, by the former Director of the PCT Administration Department, Mr. Daniel Bouchez, the Director of the PCT Department, Mr. Busso Bartels, and Mr. Paul Claus, Director-Advisor, outline the administrative and legal development and the documentary and technical aspects of the PCT.

In order to show how the idea of the PCT system developed, and to pay tribute to all those individuals who contributed to its success, the book includes detailed profiles of all PCT or PCT-related meetings held between 1966 and 1994 and lists the 1,710 individuals who participated in those meetings.

The book contains the text of the Treaty itself and, as a special feature, the text of the Regulations showing the original (1970) and present (1995) texts and all intermediate versions. Also of interest to PCT users is a compilation of official statements concerning the interpretation of PCT Articles and Rules made by the PCT Preparatory Committee, the PCT Assembly and the PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters. Statistical information on membership, operations, staff, finance, publications, seminars and information meetings is also included.

Copies of this 399-page book may be ordered for the price, by surface mail, of

80 Swiss francs or, for residents of the United States of America only, 67 US dollars, from the Publication Sales and Distribution Unit of WIPO at the address indicated on the cover page. The telephone and fax numbers are indicated below:

Telephone: (41 -22) 730 91 11 (ask for

the Publication Sales and

Distribution Unit)

Fax: (41-22) 740 18 12

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

Albania and Turkey (general information)

General information about Albania and Turkey as Contracting States, information of interest if Albania and Turkey are designated (or elected), information on the Albanian Patent Office and the Turkish Patent Institute as receiving Offices and a summary of requirements for entry into the national phase in Albania and Turkey is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets for the *PCT* Applicant's Guide, Vol. I, Annexes B1 (AL) and (TR) and C (AL) and (TR), Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (AL) and Vol. II/C, National Chapter, Summary (TR). Note that Turkey may be designated in, and nationals and residents of Turkey will be entitled to file, international applications under the PCT, only on or after 1 January 1996.

African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) (teleprinter number)

The Office of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) now has the following teleprinter number:

Teleprinter: 26726 ARIPO

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B2 (AP))

Armenia (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Armenian Patent Office have changed as follows:

Telephone: (374-2) 52 06 73

Fax: (374-2) 15 18 23, 56 11 26

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B1 (AM))

Greece (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Industrial Property Organization of Greece as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee: See Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: GRD 12,000

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex C (GR))

Italy (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Italian Patent and Trademark Office have changed as follows:

Telephone: (39-6) 4705-3032

4705-3043

Fax: (39-6) 4705-3032

4705-3035

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B1 (IT))

Lithuania (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Lithuanian Patent Office have changed as follows:

Telephone: (370-2) 23 33 49 Fax: (370-2) 26 34 69

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B1 (LT))

Mexico (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Mexican Patent Office have changed as follows:

Periférico Sur 3106 Col. Jardines del Pedregal cp 01900 Mexico, D.F.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B1 (MX))

Sri Lanka (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Registry of Patents and Trade Marks of Sri Lanka as designated or elected Office, has changed:

National fee:

Application fee: LKR 1,800

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (LK))

Turkey (general information)

See "Albania and Turkey," above.

Institutions with which deposits of microorganisms may be made (United Kingdom)

The name of the "European Collection of Animal Cell Cultures (ECACC)" has changed to "European Collection of Cell Structures (ECACC)."

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex L, page 13)

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Priority effect of a provisional application filed under United States law

Q: Since 8 June 1995, it has been possible to file provisional patent applications with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Can such an application serve as the basis for a priority claim under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property in an international application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and would the receiving Office question such a priority claim?

A: It is to be noted at the outset that the International Bureau is not in a position to give an official interpretation of the provisions of the Paris Convention. However, you may wish to note the following considerations.

As regards the Paris Convention, reference is to be made to Article 4A.

According to Article 4A(1) of the Paris Convention, the basis for priority under that Convention is a duly filed application for a patent.

Article 4A(2) of the Paris Convention states, in particular, that "Any filing that is equivalent to a regular national filing under the domestic legislation of any country of the Union ... shall be recognized as giving rise to the right of priority." In the case under consideration, the "domestic legislation" is the legislation of the United States of America. Therefore, it is that legislation which determines whether a "regular national filing" exists, subject to compliance with Article 4A(3) of the Paris Convention.

Article 4A(3) of the Paris Convention states that "By a regular national filing is meant any filing that is adequate to establish the date on which the application was filed in the country concerned," As section 111(b) of title 35, United States Code, establishes such a filing date with respect to provisional patent applications, this requirement of the Paris Convention appears to be satisfied. To conclude otherwise would put into question the ability of domestic legislation to prescribe the requirements which must be fulfilled for a filing to be adequate to establish a filing date.

Article 4A(3) of the Paris Convention also states that "any filing that is adequate to establish the date on which the application was filed" is a regular national filing "whatever may be the subsequent fate of the application." Thus the question of whether a filing is to be considered as a "regular national filing" does not appear to depend on whether or not that filing may itself lead to the grant of a patent. Moreover, it is to be noted that applications for patents are recognized as giving rise to a right of priority under the Paris Convention even if it is clear from the outset that no patent can be granted upon such an application, for example, where the invention concerned is excluded from patenting.

In the particular case of an international application which includes a claim to the priority of an earlier filed US provisional application, it is to be noted that, according to Article 8(2)(a) of the PCT, the provisions of Article 4 of the Paris Convention apply. Thus, an international application which has the effect in each designated State of a regular national application (see PCT Article 11(3)) may include a priority claim according to the same principles as may any regular national application.

However, the question whether a priority claim is valid in substance is not determined by the PCT receiving Office, which checks only whether the required indications under Rule 4.10 of the PCT Regulations have been made. Moreover, PCT Rule 4.10(d) provides for the *ex officio* cancellation of a priority claim which does not fall within the period of one year preceding the international filing date of the international application (that is, within the priority period provided for by the

Paris Convention). A priority claim would also be cancelled if the application whose priority is claimed was not made in a State party to the Paris Convention.

There would thus be no basis for the receiving Office to question a priority claim made in an international application to an earlier US provisional application falling within the one-year period referred to in PCT Rule 4.10(d).

Once an international application enters the national phase of processing under the PCT, it is up to each designated Office to decide whether a particular priority claim is valid in accordance with the applicable national law.

Access by third parties to international preliminary examination reports

Q: It is my understanding that the International Bureau makes available to third parties copies of priority documents pertaining to an international application. Is it possible to obtain copies of international preliminary examination reports in the same manner?

A: No, it is not possible for third parties, unless authorized by the applicant, to obtain a copy of an international preliminary examination report (IPER) from the International Bureau. PCT Article 38(1) provides for the confidentiality of the Chapter II procedure and expressly prohibits the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority from allowing any person or authority to have access to the file of the international preliminary examination except with the express authorization of the applicant or his agent. However, a copy of the IPER (along with any annexed amendments under Article 34) is sent to the elected Offices and thus becomes part of the national file. Therefore, where the national law applicable in an elected Office (for example, the European Patent Office) provides for its files to be open to public inspection, third parties can gain access to the IPER inasmuch as it is part of the national file of that Office. You should check directly with the national or regional Office(s) regarding the possibility of obtaining copies of IPERs. For further details concerning the confidentiality of international applications, including international preliminary examination, see the PCT Applicant's Guide, Vol. I, paragraphs 397 to 401.

	PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR									
Dates Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers							
26-27 February 1996 Washington, D.C. (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Thomas and Ms. Boutillon	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (Ms. Martha Morales) Tel: (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86							
29 February– 1 March 1996 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants	John Marshall Law School (Mr. Gary T. Watson) Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28							
4-5 March 1996 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1-415) 331 60 68							
4 April 1996 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33-78) 33 07 08 Fax: (33-78) 33 58 96							
16- 17 April 1996 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers : Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27							
17-18 April 1996 Boston (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Peter Corles) Tel: (1-617) 523 34 00 Fax: (1-617) 523 73 18							
18-19 April 1996 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mr. Matthes	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27							
19-20 April 1996 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Mr. Karl Jorda) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41 (extension 109) Fax: (1-603) 224 33 42							
22-24 April 1996 Naples, Florida (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys "Basic Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99							
25-27 April 1996 Naples, Florida (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys "Advanced Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99							
11-12 June 1996 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	EUROFORUM (Mrs. Françoise Parolari) Tel: (33-44) 88 14 88 Fax: (33-44) 88 14 99							

PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts (including currencies – see the key to currency abbreviations at the bottom of page 9) of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Table IIa) and Table IIb) and under Chapter II (Table III). Fees which are payable only in special circumstances are not shown; nor are details of reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume I, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to changes due to fee increases or fluctuations in exchange rates. As from 1 January 1996, a 75% reduction in the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee will be available to applicants from certain States. For details, see PCT Newsletter No. 10/1995, cover page, and No. 11/1995, page 6. The footnotes are on page 11.

Table I(a) - TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES

(as at 1 December 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transm	ittal fee¹	Basic fee ¹ (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ¹ (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ³
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 762	15	185	EP
AM	AMD ⁴	-	USD 604 (from 01.01.96: 677)	12 (13)	147 (164)	EP RU
AP	USD	70	USD 604 (from 01.01.96: 677)	12 (13)	147 (164)	AT EP SE
AT	ATS	700	ATS 6,220 (from 01.01.96: 6,730)	122 (133)	1,510 (1,630)	EP
AU	AUD	100	AUD 906	18	220	AU
BE	BEF	1,500	BEF 18,208 (from 01.01.96: 19,700)	358 (388)	4,421 (4,780)	EP
BG	BGL	600	BGL equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
BR	BRC	21,670	BRC equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP SE US
ву	RUR ⁴	=	USD 604 (from 01.01.96: 677)	12 (13)	147 (164)	EP RU
CA	CAD	200	CAD 963 (from 01.01.96: 914)	19 (18)	234 (222)	EP
СН	CHF	100	CHF 762	15	185	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	CN
cz	CZK	1,500	CZK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
DE	DEM	150	DEM 883 (from 01.01.96: 955)	17 (19)	214 (232)	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 3,440 (from 01.01.96: 3,740)	70 (74)	840 (910)	EP SE
EE	EEK	1,500	EEK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
EP ⁵	DEM	200	DEM 883 (from 01.01.96: 955)	17 (19)	214 (232)	EP
ES	ESP	8,475	ESP 87,000 (from 01.01.96: 83,500)		21,000 (20,300)	EP ES
FI	FIM	700	FIM 2,800 (from 01.01.96: 2,900)	7.1 L	690 (700)	EP SE
FR	FRF	400	FRF 3,010 (from 01.01.96: 3,300)	5.1 10.1 4.144.492.01	730 (800)	EP

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Table I(a) - TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued] (as at 1 December 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmi	ttal fee¹	Basic for (CHF 7)		Supplement per sheet over 30 ¹ (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ³
GB	GBP	55	GBP (from 01.01.96:	419 <i>430)</i>	8 (8)	102 (104)	EP
GE	USD ⁴	-	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 <i>(164)</i>	EP RU
GR	GRD	34,000	GRD (from 01.01.96:	147,000 162,000)	3,000 (3,190)	36,000 (39,400)	EP
HU	HUF	4,000	HUF equiv o	f CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
IB	CHF or USD	300 200	CHF or USD (from 01.01.96:	762 604 <i>677)</i>	15 12 <i>(13)</i>	185 147 <i>(164)</i>	See note 6
IE	IEP	60	IEP	425	8	103	EP
IS	ISK	5,000	ISK (from 01.01.96:	40,000 <i>43,100</i>)	800 (848)	9,700 (10,500)	EP SE
IT	ITL	60,000	ITL (from 01.01.96:	1,130,000	22,000 (21,500)	270,000 (265,000)	EP
JP	JPY	18,000	JPY (from 01.01.96:	59,000 <i>67,400)</i>	1,000 (1,300)	14,000 (16,400)	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES	S equiv) 30	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 <i>(164)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS ⁴	-	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 <i>(164)</i>	EP RU
KP	KPW	50	KPW equiv o	f CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT RU
KR	KRW	40,000	KRW (from 01.01.96:	505,000 <i>544,000)</i>	10,000 (10,700)	123,000 (132,000)	AT AU JP
KZ	KZT ⁴	-	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 <i>(164)</i>	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 <i>(164)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁴		LSM equiv o	f CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
LT	LTL equiv o	f USD 80	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 <i>(164)</i>	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF	1,000	LUF/BEF (from 01.01.96:	18,208 19,700)	358 (388)	4,421 <i>(4,780)</i>	EP
LV	LVL	40	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 (164)	EP RU
МС	FRF	300	FRF (from 01.01.96:	3,010 <i>3,300)</i>	60 (65)	730 (800)	EP
MD	MDL ⁴	54	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 (164)	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,750	MKD equiv o	f CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
MN		None	MNT equiv o	f CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
MW	MWK	8	MWK (from 01.01.96:	2,350 10,100)	46 (199)	570 (2,460)	EP
MX	MXP equiv	of USD200	MXP equiv o	of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP ES SE US

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Table I(a) - TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]

Table I(a) -	TRANSMITTAL	" RAZIC AND	DESIGNATION	I LEES [
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RO	Trans	mittal fee ¹	Basic fee ¹ (CHF 762)		Supplement per sheet over 30 ¹ (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ³
NL	NLG	110	NLG (from 01.01.96:	1,000 1,070)	20 (21)	240 (260)	EP
NO	NOK	500	NOK (from 01.01.96:	3,940 4,250)	80 (84)	960 (1,030)	EP SE
NZ	NZD	155	NZD (from 01.01.96:	976 1,020)	19 (20)	237 (248)	AU EP
PL	PLZ	200	PLZ equiv o	f CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
PT	PTE	3,500	PTE (from 01.01.96:	89,000 101,000)	1,800 (1,990)	21,700 (24,500)	EP
RO	ROL	10,000	CHF	762	15	185	AT EP RU
RU	RUR	294,000	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 <i>(13)</i>	147 (164)	EP RU
SD	SDP	50	SDP equiv o	f CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SE	SEK	600	SEK (from 01.01.96:	5,100 <i>4,770)</i>	100 <i>(94)</i>	1,250 (1,160)	EP SE
SG	SGD	120	SGD (from 01.01.96:	880 <i>971)</i>	17 (19)	214 (236)	AT AU EP
SI	SIT	See note 7	SIT equiv o	f CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SK	SKK	1,600	SKK equiv o	f CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
TJ	RUR ⁴	=	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 (164)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁴	_	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 <i>(13)</i>	147 <i>(164)</i>	EP RU
TR	(from 01	1.01.96):	(CHF	762)	(15)	(185)	(EP RU)
TT	TTD	750	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 (164)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAK	21,000,000	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 (164)	EP RU
us	USD	220	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 (164)	EP US
UZ	USD ⁴	-	USD (from 01.01.96:	604 <i>677)</i>	12 (13)	147 (164)	EP RU
VN	USD	50	VND equiv o	f CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT AU EP RU SE

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ALL	Lek	DEM	Mark	ITL	Italian Lira	MDL	Moldovan Leu	RUR	Rouble
AMD	Dram	DKK	Danish Krone	JPY	Yen	MKD	Denar	SDP	Sudanese Pound
ATS	Schilling	EEK	Estonian Kroon	KES	Kenyan Shilling	MNT	Tugrik	SEK	Swedish Krona
AUD	Australian Dollar	ESP	Peseta	KGS	Som	MWK	Kwacha	SGD	Singapore Dollar
BEF	Belgian Franc	FIM	Markka	KPW	Won	MXP	Mexican Peso	SIT	Tolar
BGL	Lev	FRF	French Franc	KRW	Won	NLG	Guilder	SKK	Slovak Koruna
BRC	Cruzeiro Real	GBP	Pound Sterling	KZT	Tenge	NOK	Norwegian Krone	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago
CAD	Canadian Dollar	GRD	Drachma	LSM	Maloti	NZD	New Zealand Dollar		Dollar
CHF	Swiss Franc	HUF	Forint	LTL	Lita	PLZ	Zloty	UAK	Karbovanets
CNY	Yuan Renminbi	IEP	Irish Pound	LUF	Luxembourg Franc	PTE	Escudo	USD	US Dollar
CZK	Czech Koruna	ISK	Icelandic Kronur	LVL	Lat	ROL	Romanian Leu	VND	Dong

Table I(b) - SEARCH FEES (as at 1 December 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA					Sear	ch fee¹					
АТ	ATS 2,20		285 <i>250</i>		184,000	SGD	317	USD	225		
AU	AUD 80		672 471,000	KRW*	461,000 <i>900)</i>	NZD	905	SGD*	882	USD	592
CN	CNY 80		120 110)	USD	100						
EP ⁸	DEM 2,40 ATS 17,14 BEF 50,30 CAD* 2,45 *(from 01.01.3	00 DKK 00 ESP 2 66 FIM 96: CAD	2,040 9,840 25,800 7,500 2,300 1,700)	FRF GBP GRD IEP ISK	8,730 1,104 400,000 1,103 108,100	ITL 2	105,000 ,963,000 162,000 50,300 <i>169,000</i>	NLG	6,400 2,740 10,300 2,557 25,440	PTE SEK SGD* USD*	258,800 12,700 2,308 1,722 10,660
ES	ESP 62,10 * (from 01.01.5		585 <i>565</i>	USD*	510 <i>500)</i>						
JP	JPY 77,00		1,060 <i>870</i>		695,000 622,000	USD*	874 <i>775)</i>				
RU ⁸	RUR 840,00		245 225)	USD	200						
SE	SEK 2,60 CHF 41 DKK 2,00	0 ⁹ 570 ¹⁰	4,200 ¹¹ 660 ¹¹ 3,160 ¹¹	FIM ISK NOK	1,540 ⁹ 22,000 ⁹ 2,240 ⁹	2,130 ¹⁰ 31,000 ¹⁰ 3,100 ¹⁰	36,000 ¹¹	USD	347 ⁹	480 ¹⁰	560 ¹¹
US	USD 66		740	CHF*		(510 ¹²)				

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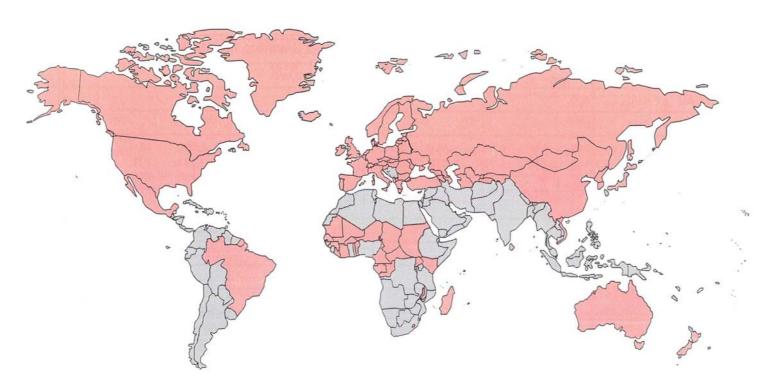
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АТ	ATS	2,200					ATS (from 0	1,902 1.01.96:	ATS	2,060)		
AU	AUD	450					AUD	277				
CN	CNY	800					CNY ed	quiv of CHF	233			
EP ⁸	DEM ATS BEF CHF DKK	3,000 21,430 62,900 2,550 12,300	FRF GBP IEP ITL 3, LUF	10,910 1,380 1,379 704,000 62,900	NLG PTE SEK	3,430 323,500 15,870	DEM* ATS* BEF* CHF DKK* *(from BEF GBP NLG	270 1,902 5,568 233 1,050 01.01.96: 6,020 131 328	DEM DKK ITL 3	10700000000	NLG* PTE* SEK* ATS FRF LUF SEK	305 27,000 1,550 2,060 1,000 6,020 1,460)
JP	JPY	28,000					JPY (from 0	18,000 1.01.96:	JPY	20,600)		
RU ⁸	RUR 1	,260,000	USD	300			USD (from 0	185 1.01.96:	USD	207)		
SE	SEK	3,200					SEK (from 0	1,550 1.01.96:	SEK	1,460		
US	USD	470	(710 ¹	4)			USD (from 0	185 1.01.96:	USD	207)		

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Provisions of the law of Albania concerning international-type search:	None					
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?

Yes (see Annex L)

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TURKEY

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	Turkish Patent Institute						
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Competent designated (or elected) Office if Turkey is designated (or elected):	Turkish Patent Institute (see Volume II)						
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Types of protection available:	Patents, utility models						
Provisions of the law of Turkey concerning international-type search:	None						
Provisional protection after international publication:	After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the international application into the Turkish language gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. See Art. 82 of the Decree on the Protection of the Patent Rights.						

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Does the Office disregard the priority claim if the priority document was not submitted within 16 months from the priority date under PCT Rule 17.1?

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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?

Yes (see Annex L)

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	Yes, in all other cases	
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent registered to practice before the Office	

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Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Turkey

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Required contents of the translation for the entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Request, description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ¹	Currency: Albanian Lek (ALL) For patent: Filing fee: ALL 8,000 For utility model: Filing fee: ALL 6,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 ^{bis}): ²	Appointment of an agent if the applicant does not reside in Albania or is not a legal entity established under Albanian law Verification of the translation of the application by or on behalf of the applicant Any document relating to the identity of the inventor Any document relating to any transfer or assignment of the right to the application The international application, the translation thereof or any document relating thereto, must be furnished in two copies
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent registered to practice before the Office

Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for the entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 20 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1): 30 months from the priority date		
Translation of international application required into:1	Turkish		
Required contents of the translation for the entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 1st any text matter of drawings, abstract		
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Is a copy of the international application required?	No		
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Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The search fee is reduced by DEM 50 where an international search report has been established		

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Appointment of an agent if applicant is not resident in Turkey

Who can act as agent?

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